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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2018

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNICEF, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations Member States. In accordance with the rotation scheme established by the Board in its decision 1992/7, the President for 2018 will be nominated from among the Western European and Other States that are members of the Executive Board. The election will take place on 12 January 2018.

3. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
For decision (E/ICEF/2018/1)

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the programme of work adopted by the Board at its second regular session of 2017. The Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments that it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

4. Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the thirty-ninth and fortieth Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
For information (UNICEF/2018/EB/2)

The Executive Board will hear an oral report on the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the thirty-ninth and fortieth Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held from 6 to 8 December 2016 and from 27 to 29 June 2017, respectively.

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5. Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action
For information (UNICEF/2018/EB/3)

The Executive Board will receive an update on humanitarian action in UNICEF, which will be supported by a conference room paper. The update will provide an overview of the situation of children living in crisis and outline the UNICEF response as well as challenges and achievements.

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6. UNICEF programme cooperation

Country programme documents
For decision

The three country programme documents and the common country programme document listed below are presented to the Executive Board for approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. Costed evaluation plans for each programme are posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the documents. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are also available on the website, where applicable. The country programme documents and common country programme document will be presented by region:

Middle East and North Africa

Jordan (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.1)

West and Central Africa

Cabo Verde (DP/FPA/OPS-ICEF/CCPD/2018/CPV/1 (common country programme document))

Ghana (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.2)

Mauritania (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.3)

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

7. Plan for global evaluations, 2018–2021

For decision (E/ICEF/2018/3)

The plan for global evaluations, 2018–2021 has been prepared in line with the revised evaluation policy of UNICEF (E/ICEF/2013/14) and in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions. The plan presents the guiding principles and objectives for global evaluations in UNICEF, a prioritized list of topics and the details of the resource framework, the approach to implementation, key risks and the reporting arrangements.

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8. Road map to a revision of the evaluation policy of UNICEF

For information

In follow-up to Executive Board decision 2017/17, UNICEF is presenting to the Board a road map to a revision of the evaluation policy of UNICEF. It sets out the path towards an updated version of the policy presented to the Board in 2008

(E/ICEF/2008/4) and of the revision of that policy, endorsed by the Board in 2013 (E/ICEF/2013/14).

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9. Evaluation report and management response
For decision (E/ICEF/2018/4; E/ICEF/2018/5)

Towards improved emergency responses: synthesis of UNICEF evaluations of humanitarian action 2010–2016

In recent years, UNICEF has worked hard to improve the support and services it provides to children and communities affected by emergencies. An analysis by the Evaluation Office of 30 humanitarian evaluations undertaken by UNICEF from 2010 to 2016 revealed that the organization has learned from experience and adapted its approach to become faster and more effective, while contributing to the wider reform of the humanitarian system. Important results have been achieved for children, while several areas of weakness remain. The evaluation recommendations are aimed at supporting further improvements in the organization's approach and performance at a time when the world faces immense humanitarian challenges. The Executive Board will be presented with an executive summary of the evaluation report and a management response. The full report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

10. UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and report of the Board of Auditors
For decision (A/72/5/Add.3)

The UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements and report of the Board of Auditors are presented to the Executive Board annually, with the presentation taking place at the first regular session so that the Board can take into account any comments on the report made by the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly.[1] In addition, the following related reports are available to the Executive Board for information: (a) addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2016 (A/72/355/Add.1) and (b) financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2016: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/537).

[1] The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly considered the report on 26 October 2017.

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11. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2018 workplan and proposed budget
For decision (E/ICEF/2018/AB/L.1)

The report covers the workplan and proposed budget for 2018 for private fundraising and partnership activities.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

12. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its annual session of 2018 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

13. Adoption of draft decisions

14. Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2018 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board 6–8 February 2018[2]

Friday 12 January	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 2	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board
Tuesday 6 February	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 1	Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF
		Item 3	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
	1:15–2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 6	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents
		Item 5	Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action
	5:00–6:00		*Informal consultations*
Wednesday 7 February	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 4	Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the thirty-ninth and fortieth Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
		Item 11	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2018 workplan and proposed budget
	1:15–2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 7	Plan for global evaluations, 2018–2021
		Item 8	Road map to a revision of the evaluation policy of UNICEF
	5:00–6:00		*Informal consultations*
Thursday 8 February	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 9	Evaluation report and management response
		Item 10	UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and report of the Board of Auditors
	1:15–2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 12	Other matters
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[2] When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.